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SUBJECT: PLA WRITERS CRITICIZE LIN PIAO FOR NEGLECTING MILITARY
TRAINING

REF: A. HONG KONG 10213; B. PEKING 1518

1. PEKING'S KWANGMING DAILY OF SEPTEMBER 12 CARRIED AN ARTICLE
WHICH MAKES A FIRM CALL TO UPHOLD PROFESSIONAL MILITARY STANDARDS.
THE ARTICLE, WRITTING BY TWO PEKING MR "FIGHTERS" IS UNIQUE, TO

OUR KNOWLEDGE,IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN ATTACKING LIN PIAO'S
MILITARY REPUTATION (REFTELS).

2. IN DEFENDING MILITARYTRAINING, THE AUTHORS CAREFULLY COUCHED
THEIR ARGUMENT AS AN ATTACK AGAINST LIN. HE IS ACCUSED
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OF SAYING THAT "ACCURATE SHOOTING IS A PROBLEM OF SECONDARY

IMPORTANCE." BOTH LENIN AND MARX ARE THEN QUOTED TO SHOW THAT NO MATTER HOW HIGHLY MOTIVATED ONE'S FIGHTING FORCE MAY BE, WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING AND MODERN WEAPONRY IT CANNOT WIN. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE ARTICLE DEFINES LIN'S "SINISTER" AIM AS TRYING TO DO AWAY WITH MILITARY TRAINING SO THAT "OUR ARMY WOULD DEGENERATE INTO ONE THAT CARRIED OUT ONLY POLITICAL WORK BUT NOT MILITARY TRAINING," THUS BEING RIPE FOR SOVIET INVASION.

3. COMMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST ARTICLE WE HAVE SEEN SUGGESTING PLA CONCERN WITH THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN'S MILITARY LINES. THIS PLA CONCERN THAT MILITARY TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT NOT BE NEGLECTED IS A DELICATE AND VOLATILE ISSUE WITH A NUMBER OF FORMER PLA NOTABLES SUCH AS LO JUI-CHING, HAVING BEEN DENOUNCED INTERGALIA FR SIMILAR SENTIMENTS.

WE WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY FOR ANY FURTHER SIGNS OF PLA ATTEMPTS TO DEFEND ITS PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS.
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